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FOIPA No. 1074997- 000

Dear Requester:

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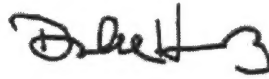
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If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☒ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

To minimize costs to both you and the FBI, extra file copies of the same document were not processed.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
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- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could be reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could be reasonably expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
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SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
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- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
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- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;

(k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;

(k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject is reportedly unemployed and current residence unknown. Reliable informants advise: subject admitted membership in CP, 1953; attended Harlem Branch LYL meetings, January, February, March, April, June, and July, 1954; attended LYL dance December, 1953 and LYL rally December, 1953.

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DETAILS: This investigation is predicated upon information received from of known reliability, who advised on January 28, 1954, that the subject attended a Labor Youth League (LYL) meeting held at 79 West 125th Street, New York City on January 27, 1954.

I. BACKGROUND

Marital Status

of known reliability advised on March 19, 1954, that it was his understanding the subject was formerly married, and that his wife is or had resided in Newark, New Jersey. could furnish no additional information along this line and did not know the name of the subject's wife, when or where they were married, or if they have since obtained a divorce.

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Military Service

[] advised on December 20, 1953 that he believed subject formerly a member of the United States Army. The informant stated on August 3, 1954 that it was his belief the subject was discharged from the Army about 1951.

[] stated on March 19, 1954 that it was his belief the subject is a veteran of World War II.

Employment

[] advised in December, 1953 that the subject was reportedly employed in the garment center of New York City. The informant advised on August 3, 1954 that he believed the subject was unemployed but he could furnish no information relative to the subject's past places of employment.

[] advised in March, 1954, that the subject was unemployed at that time.

Residence

[] advised in March, 1954, that the subject resided at 60 West 100th Street, New York City.

[]
the best of her knowledge no member of the Negro race has ever resided at this address.

II. AFFILIATIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Communist Party (CP) Membership

[] advised in March, 1954, that the subject admitted he was a member of the CP during the late winter of 1953.

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Communist Party Fronts

Labor Youth League (LYL)

The LYL has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[] advised on July 12, 1954 the subject attended a Harlem Branch LYL meeting on July 10, 1954, held at Harlem Branch LYL Headquarters. The informant had also advised that the subject attended meetings of the Harlem Branch LYL on June 29, 1954, April 3, 1954, March 24, 1954, February 15, 1954, and January 27, 1954. According to the informant these meetings were held in the main at Harlem Branch LYL Headquarters, 79 West 125th Street, New York City.

[] advised on December 20, 1953, the subject attended an LYL dance on December 18, 1953 and on December 7, 1953 [] advised that the subject attended an LYL rally held on December 4, 1953.

CP Associates

[] advised on March 19, 1954, that the subject was a close friend and associate of [] and it was his understanding the subject resided with [] at []

Regarding [], the November 11, 1951 edition of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, set forth that [] was the New York Administrative Secretary of the LYL. N.Y.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

The records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department, were reviewed by SA [] on July 27, 1954, and no pertinent information identifiable with the subject was found.

[] and [] all of known reliability, who are acquainted with certain phases

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of CP activity in the New York area, were contacted in July, 1954, and advised that they were unable to furnish any information regarding the subject.

IV. DESCRIPTION

The following composite description of the subject was obtained from [] and []

Name:	LONNIE WILLIAMS
Sex:	Male
Race:	Negro
Age:	23-24
Height:	5'2" - 5'6"
Weight:	150 lbs.
Complexion:	Light
Hair:	Black, reddish
Marks:	Wears black horn-rimmed glasses, part time

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity and Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to Whom Furnished	File # and Location
[REDACTED]	LYL meeting 1/27/54; description	1/28/54	SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	
	LYL meeting 7/10/54	7/12/54	SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	
	LYL meeting 6/29/54	7/2/54	SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	
	LYL meeting 3/24/54	4/6/54	SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (orally)	
	LYL meeting 2/15/54	2/17/54	SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (orally)	
	LYL meeting 4/3/54	4/6/54	SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (orally)	
	Attended LYL dance 12/18/53, Description, Background	12/20/53	SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (orally)	
	LYL rally, 12/4/53 Background	12/7/53 8/3/54	" SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (orally)	[REDACTED] Instant Report
[REDACTED]	Background, Description, CP membership Associates	3/19/54	SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	

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[REDACTED]	Negative	7/23/54	SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Instant Report
	Negative	7/23/54	SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Instant Report
	Negative	7/22/54	SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Instant Report
	Negative	7/22/54	SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Instant Report
	Negative	7/22/54	SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Instant Report
	Negative	7/22/54	SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Instant Report
	Negative	7/22/54	SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Instant Report

MISCELLANEOUS

[REDACTED] Since subject was reportedly [REDACTED] an SI subject of the NYO, investigation was conducted in the vicinity of 204 West 149th Street, New York City, WARD's last known residence. This investigation proved unproductive. It is noted that 204 West 149th Street, NYC, is in the heart of Harlem, and this neighborhood by its very nature, makes neighborhood investigations of this type difficult. However, this line of investigation will be further pursued in an effort to obtain the subject's current residence.

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[redacted] was contacted by SA [redacted] on July 29, 1954, and he stated the subject's name sounded very familiar but he could not place him at that time. [redacted] stated that if he was recontacted at a later date, he might recall the subject and be able to furnish information regarding his background and/or subversive activities.

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At New York, New York

Will develop and report complete background information in an effort to positively identify the subject.

Will ascertain subject's current place of residence if possible.

Will maintain contact with informants of the NYO in an effort to further develop subversive and background information regarding the subject.